

49-56 and 58 to comply with the restriction requirement. For purposes of prosecution on the merits, Applicant makes the following election of species. Applicant elects aldehydes as the polybasic acid derivative. Claims 32-36, 38-46, 48 and 57 read thereon.

Applicants elect glycolide as the ester. Claim 48 reads thereon. Applicants elect risperidone as the bioactive agent. Claims 32-45, 48 and 57 read thereon.

Applicants respectfully submit that this constitutes a complete response to the Office Action and that all elected claims are patentable. Accordingly, Applicants earnestly request a notice of allowance with respect to the elected claims.

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